WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 8413

IN THE MATTER OF:	Served November 16, 2004
Application of GUIDES TO AMERICA)	Case No. AP-2004-176
TOURS for a Certificate of)	
Authority Irregular Route)	
Operations)	

By application accepted for filing November 3, 2004, Guides To America Tours, a Maryland general partnership, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one motorcoach. Applicant's proposed tariff contains an airport transfer rate and a charter rate priced at increments of 2, 4, 8, 10, 14 and 18 hours. Both the airport transfer rate and the charter rate apply to points inside the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District (i.e., local points, National and Dulles airports) and points outside the Metropolitan District (i.e., BWI, King's Dominion, Atlantic City, and New York City). In addition, the proposed tariff refers to an attached sightseeing tariff, but no sightseeing tariff is attached. Applicant will be directed to file an amended proposed tariff omitting rates for service outside the Metropolitan District and including all applicable sightseeing rates.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than December 1, 2004, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
- 2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 15, 2004, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.
- 3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 1, 2004, 'an original and four copies of an amended proposed tariff omitting rates for service outside the Metropolitan District and including all applicable sightseeing rates.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is December 15, 2004, and that copies must be served on applicant's CEO, Richard A. Graham, 10611 Mary Carroll Court, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-7416.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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Executive Director